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FIRE MARSHAL**

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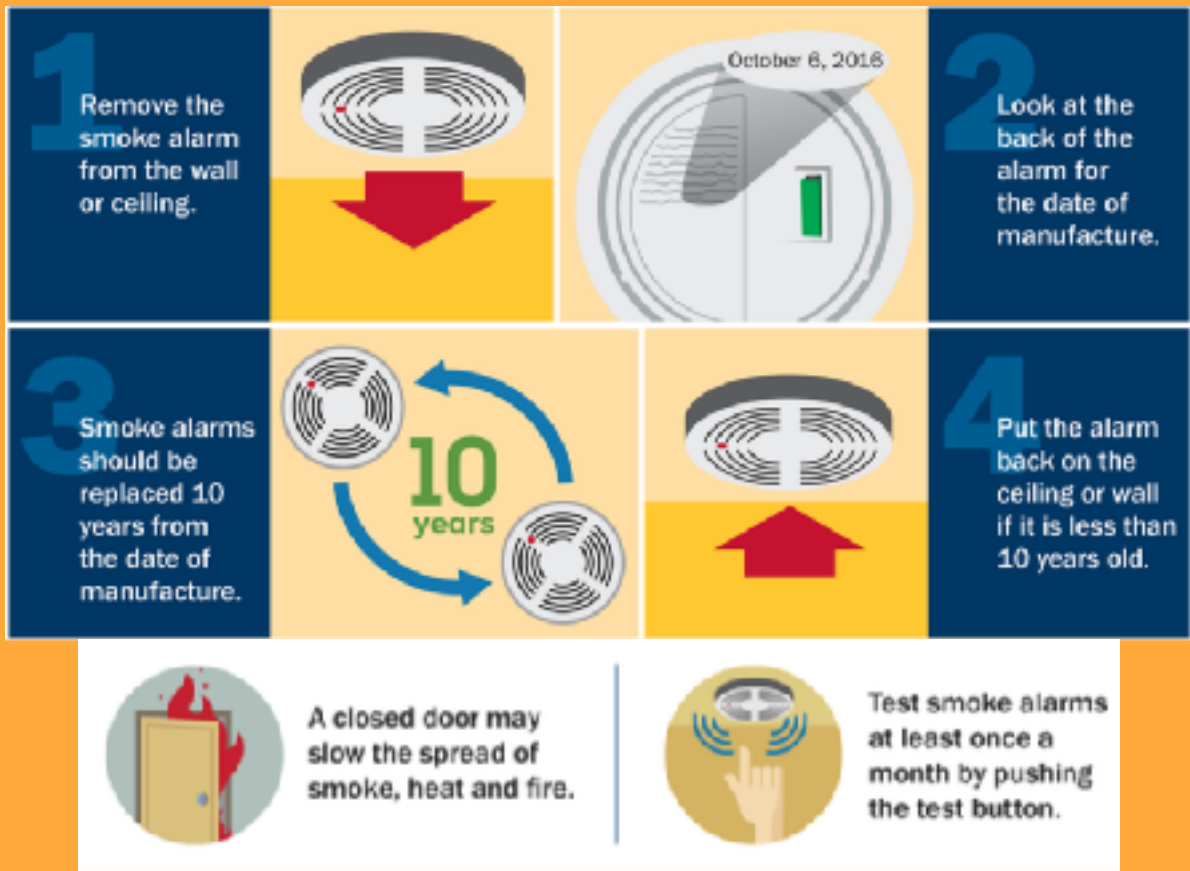
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Fire Prevention Week 2016

The Colorado Springs Fire Department is working with the National Fire Protection Association (NFFA), to bring awareness to the importance of working smoke alarms. We are promoting this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," to better educate the public about the critical importance of knowing how old their smoke alarms are and replacing them once they're 10 years old.

Does your home have a smoke alarm? According NFFA, the answer is likely yes: NFFA research shows that most American homes have at least one. But do you know how old your smoke alarms are? If you're like most people, you're probably not so sure. A recent survey conducted by NFFA revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. That lack of awareness is a concern for the CSFD and NFFA, along with fire departments throughout the country, because smoke alarms don't last forever.

NFFA 72, National Fire Alarm Code®, requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk.



Action Steps You Can Take:

DID YOU KNOW???

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

INSTALL WORKING SMOKE ALARMS:

- In every bedroom
- Outside each separate sleeping area
- On every level of the home, including the basement

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Larger homes may need more alarms
- For the best protection, make sure all the smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound

- There are many different alarms to choose from, make sure you pick one that has a UL listing to ensure it has been properly tested

IF THE SMOKE ALARM SOUNDS:

- Get outside, go to your outside meeting place, and stay outside
- Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone
- Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside

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